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SUBJ: CAMEROON'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA

1. SUMMARY: AUGUST 5 PRESIDENTIAL DECREE APPOINTED CAREER DIPLOMAT HENRY FOSSUNG AS CAMEROON'S AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA REPLACING JACOB ACHIDI KISOBO. END SUMMARY.

2. FOSSUNG, BORN IN 1933 BEGAN HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN 1962. HIS FIRST POST WAS WASHINGTON AS CULTURAL ATTACHE FROM 1964-1968. HE RETURNED TO YAOUNDE AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS 1969-1971. NEXT HE WAS ASSIGNED AS SECOND COUNSELLOR TO MOSCOW-1971-1974 AND AS COUNSELLOR TO BANGUI 1975-1976 BEFORE RETURNING TO YAOUNDE TO TAKE POSITION AS CHIEF OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. IN 1978 HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. BEFORE EMBARKING ON HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER FOSSUNG WAS EDITOR OF ENGLISH NEWS RADIO PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH HE NOW CALLS BUEA HOME, FOSSUNG IS A MEMBER OF THE BANGWA ETHNIC GROUP WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR FONTEM IN MANUY DIVISION IN THE ENGLISH SPEAKING SECTION OF CAMEROON. HE IS AN ANGLOPHONE WHO IS FLUENT IN FRENCH. DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON HE

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EARNED A M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LAW AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS A NUMBER OF CHILDREN.

3. COMMENT: HENRY FOSSUNG IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY OFFICERS. HE IS A FREQUENT AND AVID PARTICIPANT IN OUR CULTURAL PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY DINNER DISCUSSIONS WITH

VISITING SPEAKERS. OPEN MINDED, IN HIS FORMER POSITION IN CHARGE OF SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MODERATING CAMEROONIAN POSITIONS IN UNESCO AND ILO ON SEVERAL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO USG. HOWEVER, HENRY IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A CAMEROONIAN AND AN AFRICAN WHO DEFENDS HIS PERCEIVED INTERESTS WITH VIGOR AND TACT. UNDERSTUDY TO PAUL ENGO, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I, AT RECENT GENEVA LOS SESSION, HE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REPLACE.
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